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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims, 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 15, and cancel claim 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bracket for securing a mattress to a support surface of an adjustable bed, comprising:

a first bracket portion configured to be fixedly secured to the support surface of the bed; and

a second bracket portion including a channel defined by spaced, opposing walls configured to engage the taped edge border of a mattress such that the position of the mattress on the adjustable bed remains fixed at the bracket.

2. (Original) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said first bracket portion comprises a generally flat plate having an inboard side edge and at least one aperture formed therethrough for receiving a fastener.

3. (Currently Amended) The bracket of claim 2; A bracket for securing a mattress to a support surface of an adjustable bed, comprising:

a first bracket portion configured to be fixedly secured to the support surface of the bed; and

a second bracket portion configured to engage the taped edge border of a mattress such that the position of the mattress on the adjustable bed remains fixed at

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the bracket:

wherein said first bracket portion comprises a generally flat plate having an inboard side edge and at least one aperture formed therethrough for receiving a fastener; and

wherein said second bracket portion comprises a flat plate extending from said first bracket portion in a direction opposite said inboard side edge of said first bracket portion, said second bracket portion including an outboard side edge disposed opposite said first bracket portion, said outboard side edge defining a channel for receiving a taped edge border of the mattress.

4. (Original) The bracket of claim 3, wherein said first and second bracket portions are integrally formed and lie substantially in a common plane.

5. (Currently Amended) The bracket of claim 3, wherein said second bracket portion[[s]] is offset from said first bracket portion such that said second bracket portion lies substantially in a plane parallel to a plane containing said first bracket portion.

6. (Original) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said second bracket portion is configured to releasably clamp a taped edge border of the mattress.

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7. (Original) The bracket of claim 3, wherein said second bracket portion includes at least one tapped hole, proximate said channel, for receiving a threaded fastener to releasably clamp the taped edge border of the mattress within said channel.
8. (Currently Amended) The bracket of claim 3, further comprising a resilient clip disposed within said [[channel]] channel.
9. (Original) The bracket of claim 8, wherein said resilient clip comprises spaced opposed sidewalls for receiving the taped edge border of the mattress, at least one of said sidewalls movable in a direction toward the other of said sidewalls such that the taped edge border can be clamped therebetween.
10. (Currently Amended) An adjustable bed, comprising:
 - a plurality of support panels defining a mattress support surface, at least one of said support panels movable relative to other ones of said support panels to thereby adjust the bed; and
 - a bracket secured to one of said support panels and including a channel defined by spaced, opposing walls configured to engage a taped edge border of a mattress such that the position of the mattress on said mattress support surface is fixed at said bracket.

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11. (Original) The adjustable bed of claim 10, further comprising a mattress disposed on said support surface and having a taped edge border engaged with said bracket.
12. (Original) The adjustable bed of claim 10, wherein said bracket comprises:
 - a first bracket portion configured to be fixedly secured to one of said panels of the adjustable bed; and
 - a second bracket portion configured to engage the taped edge border of a mattress such that the position of the mattress relative to said support panel remains fixed at the bracket.
13. (Currently Amended) The adjustable bed of claim 12, wherein:
 - said first bracket portion comprises a generally flat plate having an inboard side edge and at least one aperture formed therethrough for receiving a fastener; and
 - said second bracket portion comprises a flat plate extending from said first bracket portion in a direction opposite said inboard side edge of said first bracket portion, said second bracket portion including an outboard side edge disposed opposite said first bracket portion, said outboard side edge defining [[a]] the channel for receiving the taped edge border of the mattress.

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14. (Original) The adjustable bed of claim 12, wherein said second bracket portion is configured to releasably clamp the taped edge border of the mattress.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a mattress to the support surface of an adjustable bed, the method comprising:

positioning the mattress on the support surface; and
clamping a taped edge border of the mattress to the support surface with a
bracket having a channel defined by opposing side walls configured to receive the taped
edge border therebetween.

16. (Cancelled)